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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. Final session of "France-Basic Country Survey #1" featured [redacted] C/WE, and [redacted], of the ONE Staff, in a panel discussion of France's present situation and outlook. Maximum class participation had been insured by earlier student panels, as well as preparation for a final exam, on major strategic problems involving France. Our gratification over the performance of this class carried through to the finish as all 16 enrollees completed the course, with an almost perfect attendance record, and scored an average of 75% on a no-holds-barred, 7-page objective test prepared by [redacted]. For even this exceptional group, however, the experimental schedule of all-day sessions, twice a week, for six weeks proved to be too demanding for staff and students alike. In order to preserve the advantages of greater concentration and less time lost by commuting, all-day sessions may later be tried in a seven-weeks course permitting somewhat more time for absorption of the material through study and discussion.

25X1 2. One of the most impressive presentations in the latter half of this course was made by Prof. [redacted] outstanding Romance literature scholar, correlating the principal sources and manifestations of culture with the politics, economics, and international role of [redacted] generously donated a synoptic chart displaying his original synthesis, which emphasized the impact today of each cultural develop-

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3. "France - Integrated Language/Area Study #1," our first full-time intermediate French language course, began this week with 6 students: 2 WE, 3 FE, and 1 NEA. [] is chief instructor assisted principally by [] [] A special feature will include a series of 8 weekly lectures in French by guest specialists, to which auditors will be invited in a partial revival of our Foreign Language Lecture Program. In addition, a number of area-knowledgeable non-OTR Agency personnel will lead discussions once or twice a week. Primary objective of course is to advance the student's capability with spoken and written French to or beyond Category 3 as defined in the standard Agency Language Proficiency examination. Secondary objective is to give student substantive knowledge of the principal aspects of French civilization sufficient to engage in general non-technical conversation on these subjects with French speakers.

4. On 13 March the regular Finnish test was given for 7 people, on 14 March the regular Thai test was given for one person, and on 18 March the regular Turkish test was given for 6 people.

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